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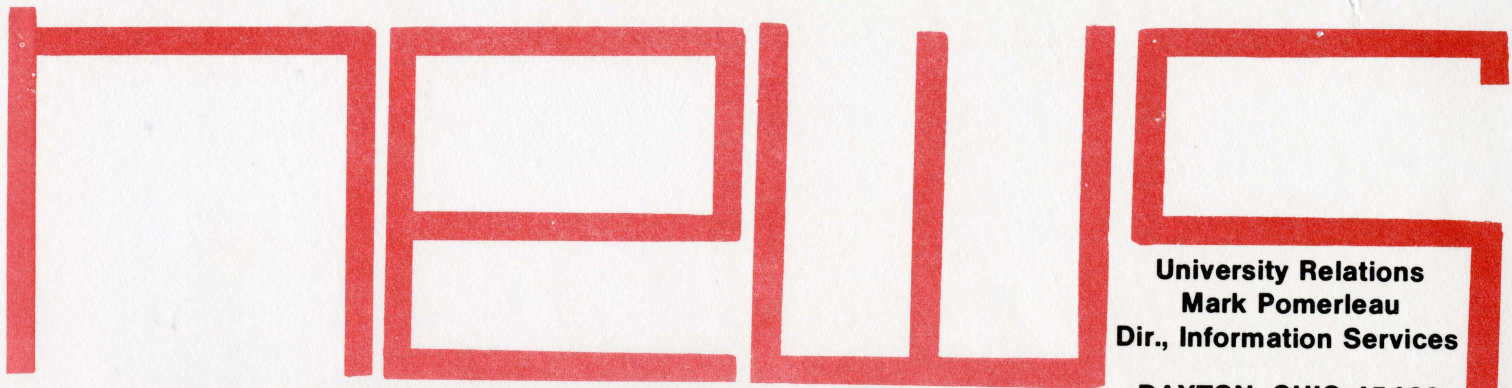
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Distinguished Speaker Series -

HELEN THOMAS DISCUSSES
REPORTER AT THE WHITE HOUSE

DAYTON, Ohio, February 16, 1977 -- UPI White House Bureau Chief, Helen Thomas, will discuss the topic "Reporter at The White House" when she makes her appearance as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series on February 24, at 3 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Ms. Thomas is a woman of firsts. Progressing from the coverage of society parties and charity balls during the forties to become the first woman president of the White House Correspondent's Association, she is currently the only woman in history to head a wire service's White House beat. She has covered the White House since 1961 and has written two books on it: "Dateline White House" and "World Without End."

Her incessant quest for truth has led Ms. Thomas around the world several times - to China and Russia with President Nixon and to the peace talks in Helsinki with President Ford - to mention a few.

Perhaps President Ford best expressed Helen Thomas' concern that the American people know the truth when he said, "Anyone in public life is well aware of how important the judgments of the press are. I'm firmly convinced that if the Good Lord had made the world today, he would have spent six days creating the heavens and earth and all the living creatures upon it. But on the seventh day, he would not have rested. He would have had to justify it to Helen Thomas."